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OGC Has Reviewed

- 1. The anticipated declaration of a national emergency will provide a basis for invoking the Presidential war/emergency powers contained in Section 606 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
- 2. During World War II these powers were exercised by a Board of War Communications, established by E.O. 8546 dated 24 September 1940, pursuant to authority contained in E.O. 8964dated 10 December 1941 and E.O. 9089 dated 6 March 1942. The membership of the Board consisted of the head of the office having cognizance of communications matters from each of the Government departments and/or agencies having a primary communications "user" requirement, plus the Chairman F.C.C.
- 3. It is expected that with the declaration of an emergency, action will be commenced to create another Board of War Communications. It is believed that the Agency must have representation on any such Board, to insure that our essential requirements are met. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Agency be prepared to make representations at an appropriately high level to assure membership on any such proposed Board.

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